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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY
1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO:
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:
AMBASSADOR BYROADE HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR DEEP PERSONAL DESIRE THAT PRESIDENT FORD VISIT PAKISTAN THIS YEAR. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT YOUR CONCERNS AND THE HIGH IMPORTANCE BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THIS VISIT TO PAKISTAN AS A SYMBOL OF OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATION-CONFIDENTIAL
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SHIP.

WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDST OF WORKING OUT A SCHEDULE FOR POSSIBLE FOREIGN TRAVEL BY THE PRESIDENT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT CHINA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, BUT THE SCHEDULE IS STILL UNCERTAIN AND NO

DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE SAME TRIP. THUS THE TIMING OF A VISIT TO PAKISTAN REMAINS UNSETTLED, BUT THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT HE REMAINS MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, IF NOT THIS YEAR AT LEAST NEXT YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INVITATION.

WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN AS SOON AS WE HAVE A MORE DEFINITE VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

2. FYI: ABOVE MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO ASSURE BHUTTO THAT THIS MATTER IS INDEED RECEIVING THE MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION, BUT ALSO TO CONVEY THOUGHT THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE SLIPPAGE IN PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN. KISSINGER

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